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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Lori L. Coletta

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5, 6 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4, 7, 9 and 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 August 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because reference character 4 in Figure 9 needs to be changed to reference character 5.

Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled “Replacement Sheet” in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

2. **Figures 8 and 9** should be designated by a legend such as --**Prior Art**-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled “Replacement Sheet” in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the

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applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because reference characters need to be in parentheses.

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

4. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

“airbag 3” (page 1, line 26 and page 2, line 1) needs to be changed to --airbag 4--.

“dashboard 4” (page 2, line 1) needs to be changed to --dashboard 3--.

“airbag 2” (page 2, line 5) needs to be changed to --airbag 4--.

“visor 7” (page 2, line 18) needs to be changed to --visor 2--.

“(in Japanese Version) (page 5, line 20) needs to be deleted.

On page 6, lines 1-15 need to be deleted.

“shaft 13” (page 6, line 18) needs to be changed to --shaft 9--.

“body 11” (page 6, line 21) needs to be deleted.

“screw holes 12” (page 7, line 1) needs to be changed to --screw holes 12a--.

“a stopper inserting portion 14” (page 8, line 14) needs to be changed to --a stopper inserting portion 14g--.

“cylindrical portion 14c” (page 9, lines 23 and 24) needs to be changed to --cylindrical portion 14a--.

“fitting member 14b” (page 11, line 13) needs to be changed to --fitting piece 14b--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

5. Claims 1-10 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 1, “a portion for inserting the stopper for said communicating member being engaged with said stopper at a place deviating from at a place deviating from the rotation range of said body of the sun visor to insert said shaft into said bearing member” (lines 9-13) is awkward.

Regarding claim 3, “9g” (line 7) needs to be deleted. “On” (line 11) needs to be changed to --on--.

Regarding claim 6, “13b” (line 2) needs to be deleted. “a shaft” (lines 4 and 7) needs to be changed to --the shaft--.

Regarding claim 7, “10” (line 5) needs to be deleted.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1, 5, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese reference 57140222.

Regarding claim 1, Japanese reference '222 discloses an automobile sun visor (20) having a body of the sun visor rotatably provided on a shaft (22) connected to a bracket (4) fitted to a ceiling of an automobile cabin; a bearing member (21), into which said shaft is inserted, being provided on an end of the body of the sun visor; a communicating member, which is come into contact with a stopper (43) placed on said shaft, being provided on said bearing member; and a portion for inserting the stopper for said communicating member being engaged with said stopper at a place deviating from the rotation range of said body of the sun visor to insert said shaft into said bearing member in Figure 6.

Regarding claim 5, Japanese reference '222 discloses the automobile sun visor (20), wherein said bearing member (21) has a pair of bearings and for inserting the shaft (22), and cutaway portion (31) is formed between the pair of said bearings in Figure 6.

Regarding claim 6, Japanese reference '222 discloses the automobile sun visor (20), wherein a through hole (26) for a shaft (22) in which a portion with a large diameter of the shaft is inserted is pierced through the bearing (21), the hole for supporting the shaft in which the portion with a small diameter of the shaft is inserted is pierced through the bearing, and a key-shaped groove (28) formed on a lower side within the through hole for the shaft to prevent the shaft from being fallen out in Figure 6.

Regarding claim 8, Japanese reference '222 discloses the automobile sun visor (20), wherein said communicating groove (31) for communication with the communicating piece (35) formed on a lower end portion of the fitting piece (36) is formed on an opening end of through hole at the side of the body of the sun visor in Figure 6.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 2-4, 9 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The cited references show several other automobile sun visors similar to that of the current invention.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lori L. Coletta whose telephone number is (703) 306-4614.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30am-3:00pm.

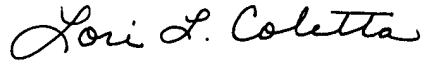
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on (703) 308-3102. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori L. Coletta".

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June 7, 2004

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